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GENEVA FOR DAS BARRACLOUGH

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: U.S.-HUNGARIAN TRADE NEGOTIATIONS

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1. AMBASSADOR INFORMED AMB. BARTHA OF MINISTRY OF
FOREIGN AFFAIRS FEBRUARY 21 OF U.S. DESIRE TO HOLD NEXT
ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS IN WASHINGTON. BARTHA CONCURRED
IN WASHINGTON AS VENUE AND AGREED TALKS SHOULD RESUME
AT DEPARTMENT OF STATE 1000 TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28 AS
PROPOSED REFTEL A.

2. GOH HAS INFORMED EMBASSY THAT HUNGARIAN DELEGATION
WILL BE THE SAME AS FOR FIRST ROUND (REFTEL B) WITH
DELETION OF DEZSO KISS AND JANOS FEKETE AND ADDITION
OF AMBASSADOR ESZTERGALYOS. MRS. TAMAS VITRAI WILL AGAIN
ACT AS INTERPRETER FOR DEPUTY MINISTER TOROK, WHO WILL
AGAIN HEAD THE HUNGARIAN DELEGATION. HUNGARIAN DELEGATION
TENTATIVELY EXPECTS TO ARRIVE WASHINGTON EVENING OF
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26.

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3. THE PRESENCE OF SO MUCH HUNGARIAN RANK AND TALENT
IN WASHINGTON FOR A WEEK AFFORDS US AN OPPORTUNITY TO
EXPLORE SOME MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST. WHILE THE
HUNGARIAN DELEGATION WILL BE PRIMARILY CONCERNED WITH
MFN NEGOTIATIONS, AND WHILE WE WANT TO KEEP THE FOCUS
THERE, WE RECOMMEND THAT MEETINGS FOR BARTHA BE ARRANGED
IN EUR (VEST AND LUERS). DEPARTMENT AND OTHER AGENCIES

MAY ALSO WISH TO DISCUSS DOUBLE TAXATION AGREEMENT WITH AKAR, MTN WITH NYERGES, AND HUNGARIAN FOREIGN TRADE LAW WITH SZAZ. WE RECOMMEND A CALL ON SECRETARY KREPS FOR TOROK AND AT BEWT FOR ANTALPETER AND SZIKLAI.

4. WE APPRECIATE THAT USDEL WILL BE HARD PRESSED TO MATCH ENTERTAINMENT EXTENDED TO IT BY GOH, BUT ASSUME DEPARTMENT IS ADDRESSING THIS QUESTION AND IS COORDINATING PLANS WITH THE HUNGARIAN EMBASSY. A SMALL EIGHTH FLOOR RECEPTION TO MARK INITIALLING OF AGREEMENT, IF IT COMES TO PASS, WOULD BE APPROPRIATE AND STAND US IN GOOD STEAD. WE WOULD BE FOLLOWING A PRECEDENT ESTABLISHED AT SIGNING OF THE CLAIMS AGREEMENT IN 1973.
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